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FIGURES MARCH 4

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SUMMARY: FOUR-MAN NSCT DELEGATION MET WITH EMBOFFS MAR 4
AND LEFT MEMO IN THAI ASKING FIVE QUESTIONS (BELOW) ON
U.S. PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND AND NEIGHBORING
AREAS. THEY ASKED SAME QUESTIONS ORALLY, TO WHICH WE GAVE
GENERAL REPLIES, UNDERTAKING TO SEND WRITTEN REPLY IN
NEXT FEW DAYS. STUDENTS WERE POLITE AND WELL-BEHAVED
THROUGHOUT. AFTER HOUR AND ONE-HALF MEETING, THEY MET WITH
PRESS OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND MADE POINT THAT OUR EXPLANATIOONS ON
U.S. INTENTIONS ON WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE
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NOR RPT NOT CLEAR. THEY SAID NSCT WILL CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER

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ACTION TO TAKE. END SUMMARY

1. POL COUNSELOR, PRESS ATTACHE, AND POL OFFICER MET WITH FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM NATIONAL STUDENT CENTER OF THAILAND (NSCT) AT EMBASSY MAR 4, IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR (REFTEL). NSCT DELEGATION INCLUDED CHIRACHAI MARUKKHAPHITHAK, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF NSCT: PHICHIAN AMNATWORAPRASOET, PRESIDENT OF THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT; SURACHAT BUMRUNGSUK, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OFM CHULALONGKON UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT; AND PHIRUN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN). FOURTH YEAR STUDENT AT CHULALONGKON, TRANSLATOR/INTERPRETER FOR GROUP.

2. DELEGATION LEFT WITH US MEMORANDUM ASKING FOLLOWING FIVE QUESTIONS REGARDING U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND. 1) HOW SINCERE AND SERIOUS IS THE U.S. ON WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. BASES FROM THAILAND? 2) WHAT ACTIONS WILL THE U.S. TAKE REGARDING MILITARY SITES, SUCH AS RAMASUN, KO KHA RADAR STATION, DOI INTHANON RADAR STATION? 3) WHAT IS THE UMBER OF MILITARY ADVISORS TO BE MAINTIANED? WHERE WILL THEY BE STATIONED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY (STATUS)? 4) WHAT GUARANTEE IS THERE TO ASSURE THE STUDENTS AND PEOPLE OF THAILAND THAT THE U.S. WILL RTP NOT USE HER INFLUENCE IN THAILAND TO ENGAGE IN INFILTRATION AGAINST THAILAND'S NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES?. 5) WHAT GUARANTEES ARE THERE TO ASSURE THE STUDENTS AND PEOPLE TO THAILAND THAT THE U.SM WILL NORT RPT NOT INTERFERE IN THAI NATIONAL POLITICS THE WAY SHE DID IN CAMBODIA AND CHILE? MEMORANDUM WAS IN THAI, AND WE UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE RESPONSE WHEN IT WAS TRANSLATED. STUDENTS THEN ASKED ESSENTIALLY THESE SAME QUESTIONS ORALLY IN THAI, WHICH INTERPRETER TRANS-LATED CAREFULLY AND ACCURATELY. ALL FOUR STUDENTS SPOKE ENGLISH REASONABLY WELL.

3. WE MADE PRINCIPAL POINT THAT U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN MILITARY FORCES IN THAILAND ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT OF ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT AND IN FULL RESPECT FOR THAI SOVEREIGNTY. WE NOTED THAT QUESTION OF DETAILS OF MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THAILAND AND U.S. IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION WIH THAI GOVERNMENT AND THAT WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TO GO INTO DETAILS. WE STATED THAT DOI INTHANON STATION IS NOT RPT NOT U.S. FACILITY, THAT U.S. PERSONNEL, AT THAI REQUEST, ARE CONSTRUCTING STATION, AND THAT THEY WILL BE WITHDRAWN WHEN WORK IS COMPLETED. WE ASSURED STUDENTS THAT U.S. HAS NO INTEREST IN ENGAGING IN OPERATIONS AGAINST THAILAND'S NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. WE NOTED U.S. POSITION THAT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT

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INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND SAID
WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO DETAILS OF PASTEVENTS IN CAMBO
DIA AND CHILE, WHICH WERE, IN ANY CASE,
SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE EXAGGERATION AND MIS-INFORMATION
IN PRESS.

4. STUDENTS WERE POLITE THROUGHOUT HOUR AND ONE-HALF
MEETING. WHEN THEY LEFT EMBASSY, THEY MET BRIEFLY WITH
PRESS OUTSIDE AND MADE POINT THAT EMBASSY EXPLANATION
REGARDING U.S. INTENTIONS ON WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL
WAS NOT RPT NOT CLEAR. NSCT WILL CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER
ACTION TO TAKE.

5. EMBASSY WILL SEND WRITTEN REPLY TO NSCT QUESTIONS
LISTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
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